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SUBJECT: GENERAL COMAN'S VISIT TO THE US

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1. DESPITE INTENSIVE QUESTIONING AT DINNER LAST NIGHT, GENERAL COMAN GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE HAD ANY PLANS TO RAISE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS ALONG THE LINES MENTIONED REFTEL B DURING HIS VISIT TO THE US. HE WAS CLEARLY PLEASED TO BE HEADING THE FIRST ROMANIAN MILITARY DELEGATION TO VISIT THE STATES AND IS ALSO VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH DELEGATION FROM A WARSAW PACT COUNTRY. HE SAYS HIS VISIT IS A "BEGINNING" AND SEES A VISIT BY GENERAL WEYAND AS THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP. HE ALSO TOLD ME HE WOULD BE DOING SOME FURTHER THINKING ABOUT OTHER FUTURE VISIT WITH THE IDEA OF MAKING SOME TENTATIVE SUGGESTIONS WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON. IN OUR CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT WE TOUCHED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE ROMANIAN MILITARY ACADEMY ACCEPTING THE EARLIER INVITATION OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ALSO MENTIONED IDEA OF VISIT BY ROMANIAN MILITARY ACADEMY STUDENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE NWC AND ICAF VISITS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE FROM TIME TO TIME TO ROMANIA. COMAN ALSO SPOKE FAVORABLY ABOUT NAVAL VISITS AT SOME STAGE, CITING FOR EXAMPLE A VISIT BY A ROMANIAN NAVAL TRAINING SHIP. HE TALKED TOO  
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ABOUT HOW HE HAD FINALLY DECIDED TO INCLUDE GENERAL

CIOROAINU IN HIS GROUP BECAUSE HE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOMEONE WITH A TECHNICAL BACKGROUND ACCOMPANYING HIM. AT THAT POINT GENERAL CIOROAINU CHIMED IN TO SAY THAT HE WOULD EXPECT TO ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT US ARMY TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT CONSIDERATIONS. THROUGHOUT THE EVENING COMAN KEPT STRESSING HE HAD NO SPECIFIC PREFERENCES NOR ANY SPECIAL SUBJECTS WHICH HE WISHED TO RAISE BECAUSE THIS WAS HIS FIRST VISIT. "ON THE SECOND VISIT" HE WOULD HAVE LOTS OF THINGS TO ASK.

2. COMMENT: AS RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S DINNER, WE REMAIN AS PUZZLED AS BEFORE AS TO WHAT COL DRANGA HAD IN MIND. ALTHOUGH ONE CAN NEVER EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF A SURPRISE, IT NOW LOOKS AS IF HE MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REFER TO NOT MUCH MORE THAN THE SORT OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AN OFFICER LIKE GENERAL CIOROAINU MIGHT PUT AND POSSIBLY TO SUCH MATTERS AS FUTURE EXCHANGES OF VISITS.

3. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, I SUGGEST THAT THERE BE SOME EXPLORATION WITH GENERAL COMAN OF FURTHER TYPES OF CONTACTS. I THINK THE NWC INVITATION IS WORTH RENEWING AND I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE SOME DISCUSSION OF THE IDEA OF AN EXCHANGE OF SHIP VISITS, EITHER IN CONNECTION WITH THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-3 DAY, IF THAT IS STILL A POSSIBILITY, OR AS A SEPARATE OCCASION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT COMAN MAY GO BEYOND INVITING GENERAL WEYAND AND AT LEAST REFER TO THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EVENTUAL EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE ROMANIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, TO WHICH I WOULD HOPE WE WOULD REACT POSITIVELY IN PRINCIPLE.

4. THE ONLY ADDITIONAL ELEMENT OF BIOGRAPHICAL INTEREST THAT COMAN MENTIONED LAST NIGHT WAS HIS CLOSE CONNECTION WITH CEAUSESCU WHICH GOES BACK TO THE LATE 40'S WHEN THEY BOTH WERE IN THE HIGHER POLITICAL DIRECTORATE OF THE ARMY. BARNES

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